



GERMAN ROUT IN NORTH POLAND SAID TO BE COMPLETE

COMBINED ATTACK AGAINST GERMANS FORCES THEM BACK

British and French Make Assault on Teuton Line Near Ypres and Capture Several Trenches.

GAINS MADE IN BELGIUM

Wedge Is Being Driven Steadily Into Kaiser's Battle Front and Report Has It That Germans Are Preparing to Retire to Their Second Line of Defenses.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—A combined British and French attack is in progress today on the German line between the railroad from Ypres to Lille and the main highway connecting the two points, it was officially announced.

Several German trenches have been captured and "substantial progress" made, it was added.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—Further gains by the allies in France and Belgium were claimed in an official statement issued by the war office.

A combined French and British attack was said to have been made on the Germans between Houthulst and Wytschaete and the British are reported to have driven the enemy from the woods west of the latter place, capturing the position.

The French declared they have gained ground which they succeeded in holding despite desperate counter attacks by the Germans.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—The allied forces were today engaged in driving a wedge farther into the German lines in Belgium, east of Ypres.

Belgian reports indicated the Germans were preparing to withdraw to their second line of defenses extending through Bruges to Courant.

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3 MORE REGIMENTS OF INFANTRY ARE ON WAY TO BLISS

Three Batteries of Artillery Also Ordered to Naco, Arizona, to Reinforce Troops Already There.

PLAN OF ACTION IS ADOPTED

Definite Orders Are Sent American General on the Border But They Will Not Be Made Public Until They Reach Him—Decisive Measures Are Said to Be Needed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Secretary Garrison has ordered three regiments of infantry and three batteries of artillery to Naco, Arizona, to reinforce General Bliss' troops already there.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—A decisive plan of action to stop Mexican bullets striking Naco was reached at a cabinet meeting today. Definite orders were telegraphed by Garrison but they won't be published until they reach Bliss.

A member of the cabinet said the policy would not entail a clash between Americans and Mexicans.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Only decisive measures will end the shooting into American territory from Naco, Sonora.

This was the substance of a report to the war department received from General Bliss. Secretary Garrison turned Bliss' report over to Secretary Bryan but so far no orders have been issued to the American artillery to shell the Mexicans.

Bryan is still endeavoring to force Gutierrez to order Maxtorrena to withdraw his forces from Naco, Sonora. As the Carranistas are fighting with their backs to the border, government officials say it is almost a

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Former Ambassador Herrick Smiles at Presidential Boom



When former Ambassador Herrick, whose work in Paris during the war was such a conspicuous success, got off the steamer which brought him from Europe the other day he was met by 500 friends, most of whom had begun to boom him for the republican nomination for president. But this is what he had to say about it. "I did not come back to talk poli-

NAVY LEAGUE SAID TO BE BEHIND THE LARGER NAVY PLAN

Representative Hensley of Missouri Charges Clique With Being Lobby—Investigation Will Be Asked.

MORGAN INTERESTS INVOLVED

Intimation Made That Big Financial Interests Are Backing Campaign for More Expenditure in Armament—League "Has All the Earmarks of a Lobby," He Says.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—A report by Representative Hensley of Missouri, "a little navy" member of the house naval committee, charged that the navy league has "all the earmarks of a lobby."

Hensley said he will ask for an investigation into the organization's alleged activities in favor of an increased naval equipment.

He insinuated that the league was spreading a propaganda for an increased navy, intimating the Morgan interests were involved.

Hensley said those connected with the navy league included General Horace Porter, a member of a Morgan subsidiary corporation, Hobert Satterlee, Morgan's brother-in-law, and Charles Glover, head of the Riggs National Bank of Washington.

He declared Morgan himself retired from the league after the attention of the public was called to his membership.

SULTAN SAYS HIS COUNTRY WAS FORCED INTO THE WAR

IN SPEECH BEFORE PARLIAMENT PLACES BLAME ON ALLIES.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 15.—The claim that his country was forced, much against its will, into the European war by an attack from the allies was made by the sultan at the opening of the Turkish parliament.

He declared the Turkish government had resolved firmly to maintain neutrality when its fleet was attacked by a Russian vessel in the Black sea and Great Britain and France had opened hostility on its frontier.

"Thus we were compelled to resist the policy of destruction," he said, "which these powers have at all times pursued against the Mohammedan world, a policy which has assumed the character of religious persecution.

"Because of this fact, we called all Moslems into a holy war."

KAISER'S PLAN TO ATTACK WARSAW IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN ABANDONED; POSITIONS SWEEPED FROM RUSSIAN GROUND

Von Hindenberg Rapidly Distributing His Forces to Aid Germans in South Poland and Reinforce the Austrians in the Carpathian Mountains.

AUSTRIA REJECTS PEACE TERMS OFFERED BY CZAR NICHOLAS

Conditions Imposed Found Impossible of Execution, Although it is Reported That Austria Made Proposal for Ending Hostilities Between Two Nations.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 15.—A rout of the Germans in northern Poland was declared today in an official statement to be complete.

The plan of the kaiser to attack Warsaw from the direction of Mlawa has been abandoned and the Germans in the north have been swept entirely from Russian territory, said the statement.

The defeat, it was stated, followed the capture of Przasnysz, Poland, and cost them enormously in killed and wounded.

Von Hindenberg was reported to be rapidly distributing his forces with which he had invaded Poland farther to the southward. He was said to be sending part of his men northward to aid in the defense of the Germans in the Mazurian lake district in east Prussia from the Russian invaders, and part southward to help the Austrians in their struggle with the Slavs in the Carpathian mountains.

VIENNA, Dec. 15.—The pursuit of Russians by Austrian forces into eastern Galicia continued today, the war office announced.

It was announced that the chase had reached the plain of Allenthal. The fighting was described as almost continuous.

NEWS SUMMARY

General. Additional regiments sent to Mexican border. Russians said to have routed Germans.

Local. Taxpayers' league organized; opposed to further macadam road at present time.

Committee finds Cold Springs route more feasible than they supposed.

Miss Boyd hired to teach playground work in local schools.

Price of \$9000 paid for Bingham Springs by Rosenberg and Luck. Old Pendleton relief association gives way to new charitable organization.

OLD RELIEF ORGANIZATION WILL BE DISBANDED HERE

NEW ASSOCIATION OF CHARITIES WILL TAKE UP WORK IN PENDLETON.

By action today by the executive committee the old Pendleton Relief Association will be disbanded and the work formerly performed by that association will be taken up by the newly formed Associated Charities. J. V. Tallman was president of the old association and Mrs. J. S. Landers, secretary. The organization had \$95 on hand and after current expenses are met the balance of this money will be turned over to the new association.

In the meanwhile, however, the old association has engaged John Halley Jr. to act as relief officer for the coming week while the new organization is being perfected. Any party knowing of cases deserving relief are asked to notify Mr. Halley by phone or otherwise.

The incorporation papers for the new Associated Charities have been received and it is the intention to perfect that organization as soon as possible.

It is requested by Mrs. Landers, secretary of the old relief association, that all parties having bills against the organization present them to the secretary by December 18.

Official Act at 3 a. m. WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—To push an electrical button to give a signal for opening the San Diego, Cal., exposition on the beginning of the new year, President Wilson will be awakened before 3 o'clock New Year's morning.

He will push the button at midnight, Pacific coast time, which is 3 a. m. here.

Tax Leniency Is Proposed. WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—An amendment to the war tax bill, providing that penalties shall be imposed for failure to make returns on or before January 1, 1915, was passed by the senate. It goes to the house now.

LIVERPOOL MARKET UNCHANGED TODAY. Cable reports show the Liverpool wheat market today was unchanged from yesterday, the price remaining nine shillings eight pence for 98 pounds of wheat. In American figures the Liverpool price is \$1.41 per bushel.

FIND COLD SPRINGS ROUTE TO BE EASIER THAN WAS THOUGHT

Convinced by their trip yesterday that the natural difficulties in the way of a road to Cold Springs landing are less serious than they had supposed members of the farmers committee investigating the project are hopeful they will be able to find some way whereby they may escape the heavy expense they now have to meet in hauling their wheat upgrate to Myrick.

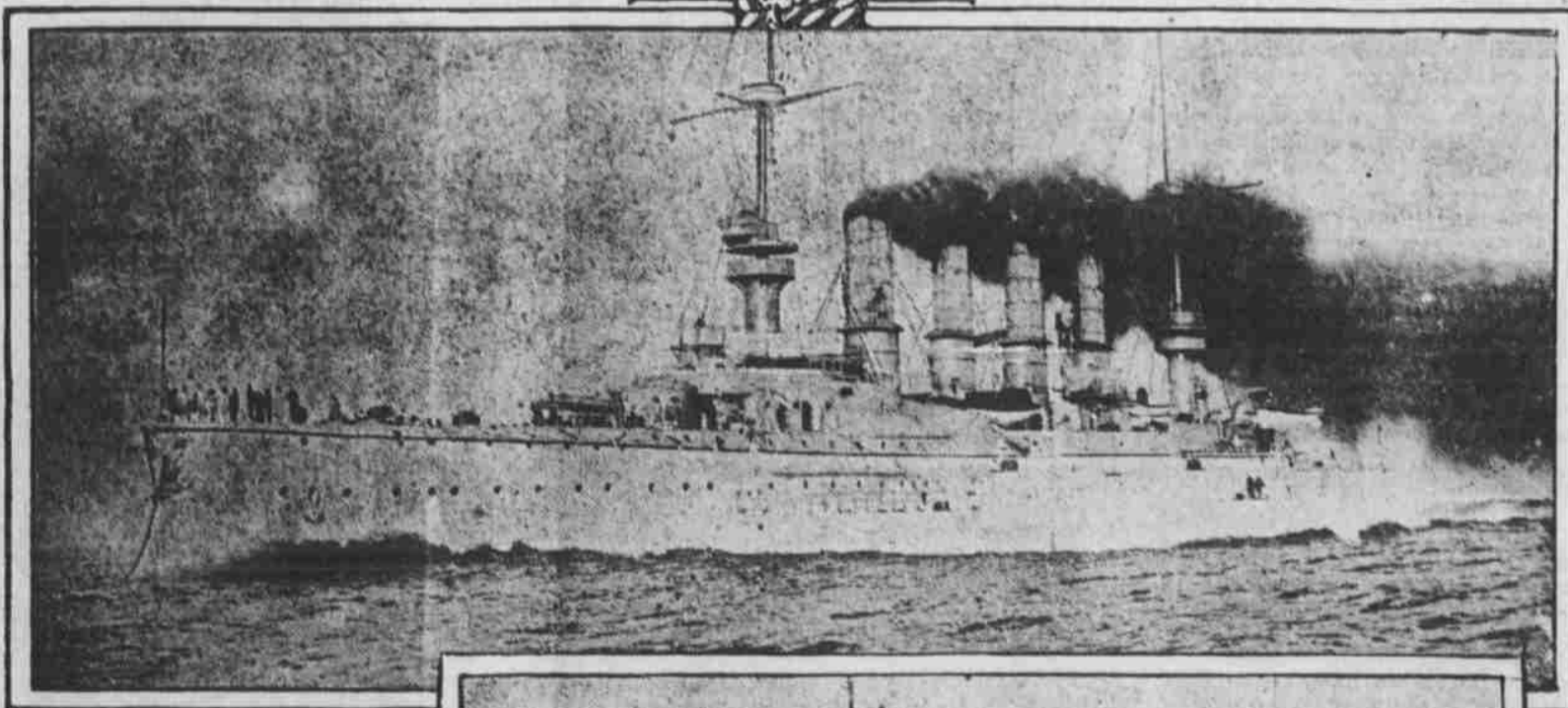
"With the exception of one stretch of a few miles the grading work won't be hard," says J. E. Montgomery,

secretary of the committee. The heaviest work would be in the vicinity of Holdman, in the canyon. There would be a down grade all the way from German Hall to the river with the exception of where the road would leave Cold Springs canyon and one point near the river where there would be a little grade. We found the grading would not be as expensive as many had supposed.

It is the intention of the farmers' committee to make a thorough in-

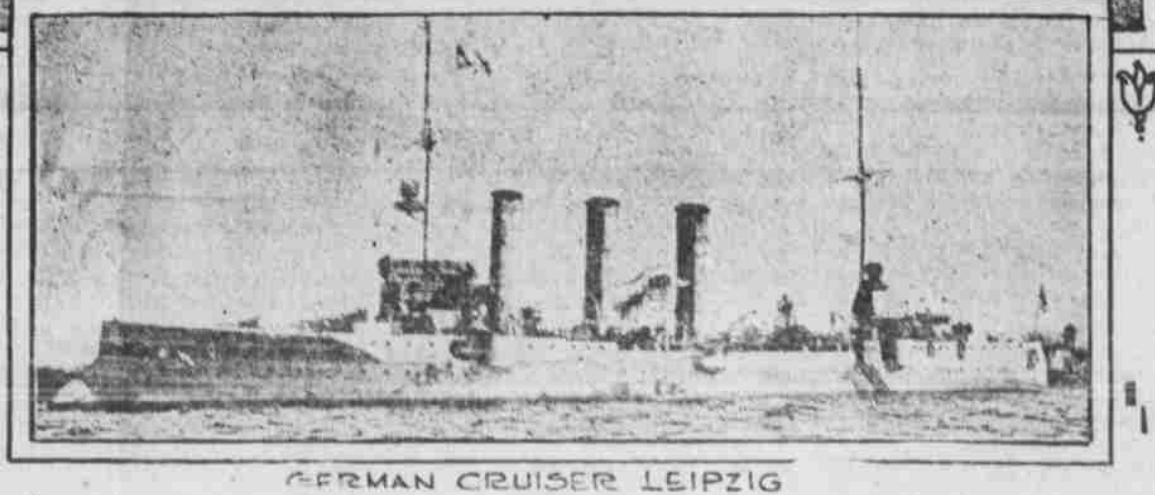
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THE GERMAN WARSHIPS SUNK BY BRITISH FLEET



THE GERMAN CRUISER SCHARNHORST (SISTER SHIP OF THE GNEISENAU)

The German warships Scharnhorst, Gneisenau, and Leipzig, which sank two British war vessels off the coast of Chile about six weeks ago, have come to grief in the South Atlantic. The British admiral announced that they were sunk. The Scharnhorst and Gneisenau were sister ships. These vessels have been hovering about the South Atlantic and South Pacific coasts for months. Their presence had caused much uneasiness in Chile and Argentina.



GERMAN CRUISER LEIPZIG

UMATILLA COUNTY TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION IS FORMED HERE

The Umatilla County Taxpayers' association came into being yesterday afternoon and its first action will be an attempt to hold up the building of macadam road until the road built during the past two years up Wild Horse has received a fair trial.

The executive committee of the organization was authorized by a motion made by John Vert to go before the county court with such a request. The association was organized yesterday upon a permanent basis with Douglas Belts as president, Marion Jack as vice president and Manuel Friedley as secretary-treasurer. A constitution and by-laws were drafted by a committee of which Dr. F. W. Vincent was chairman and was adopted. Any taxpayer in the county will be eligible to membership upon the payment of 25 cents, a small fund being necessary for the carrying on of the work.

It is the intention to make the association an active one in the study of county affairs and to that end committees were appointed yesterday to have in charge the various departments of the work. The committees are composed as follows: On roads and bridges—Manuel Friedley, of Pendleton; Caspar Woodward, of Adams; William McKensie,

north of Pendleton; Herbert Boylen, of Pilot Rock, and Marion Jack of Pendleton.

On school taxes—Dr. F. W. Vincent of Pendleton; John Vert of Pendleton; W. S. Ferguson of Athena; Joseph Hodgson of Weston and Julius Guderian of Birch Creek.

On municipal taxes—Marion Jack, Julius Hudemann of Pendleton; W. J. Warner of Hermiston; E. P. Marshall, of Pendleton, and J. S. Norvell of Helix.

On state tax laws—George Carnes of Pilot Rock; Dr. F. W. Vincent; A. F. May of Holdman; Joseph Cunha, of Echo, and W. T. Reeves of Stanfield.

On general business—J. B. Saylor, of Milton; Frank Hilbert of Ukiah; A. R. Shumway of Milton; Julius Guderian and A. F. May. The executive committee is composed of Douglas Belts, Manuel Friedley, John Vert, A. F. May and Marion Jack. The next meeting will be held on December 23 at the court house and every taxpayer in the county is invited to attend. Some of the committees will report and important matters will come up for discussion. The meeting yesterday was well attended, every one but two of the delegates named being present. E. W. McCombs called the meeting to order.